(c) 57 unmanned level crossings in Uttar Pradesh have been sanctioned for manning during the current year i,.e. 1999-2000. In addition to this 19 & 52 unmanned level crossings in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar respectively have also been proposed for manning in the supplementary budget for 1999-2000.

Justice Khanna Commission on Railway Safety

1101. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of recommendations made by the Commission on Railway Safety, headed by Justice H.R. Khanna to ensure fool-proof safety; and

(b) what action Government have taken thereon and by when these recommendations are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a retired judge of the Supreme Court, has submitted Part-I of their Report, Part-II of their Report is yet to be received. In part I, the Committee has made 150 recommendations.

(b) It is proposed to take action on those recommendations which will be accepted by the Government. As implementation of many of them depend on the availability of funds and resources, it has not been possible to fix targets.

Train Accidents

1102. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the number of train accidents recently;

(b) if so, the number of train accidents which took place in the country during 1998-99 till date as compared to previous corresponding period, indicating details thereof, Zone-wise, and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any figures of accident-prone unmanned level crossings in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, what concrete action Government have taken or decided so far to man such crossings during 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been a marginal increase.